

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-8, 13, 15-17 and 19-23 are now in the application.

Claim 22 is directed to the connecting elements alone, such as shown in Fig. 2.

Claim 23 is directed to the combination of the system support and base plates and the connecting elements.

The remaining claims depend from claim 22.

Claim 1 and a number of the claims originally dependent from claim 1 have been canceled to limit the claims to claim 22, the claims dependent therefrom and claim 23. Accordingly, it is requested that the original election be changed to claim 22, the claims dependent therefrom, and claim 23.

Claim 22 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated based on Seibold (U.S. Patent 5,435,107) has been amended to incorporate the structure of the corrugations illustrated in Fig. 2.

The claim amendments have been made separate from the amendments of the specification.

Claims 22, 23 are now in the application.

Claim 23 is directed to the combination of the system support and base plate and the connecting elements.

Claim 22 is directed to the connecting element alone, such as shown in Fig. 2.

The objections to claims 1 and 4 have been noted and appropriate corrections have been made. Note claim 1 is canceled and is replaced by claim 22.

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated based on Seibold (U.S. Patent 5,435,107).

Seibold '107 discloses a bracket for repairing an attachment of an outer façade element to an inner load-bearing element. The reference has an elongated opening 10 with transversely extending tooth-like ribs 18. A support plate 15 has an arched bearing surface 16 divided by a central web 19 which engages in the slot or opening 10.

There is no corrugation (previously beads) located laterally outwardly of the slot 10. The applicants have noted that the term “bead” originally used is also translated by “corrugation.” The specification has been amended to replace “bead” with “corrugation” which is more appropriate, particularly considering the shapes of the “corrugations” in Fig. 2.

The corrugations in claim 22 are spaced outwardly from the elongated opening so that the inner sides of the corrugations face toward the opening and form tooth-like notches. There is nothing in Seibold to suggest the corrugations as in claim 22.

In Seibold the central web 19 is engaged in the slot 10, it does not suggest a corrugation spaced laterally outwardly from the elongated opening. The arched bearing surface 16 does not suggest the complementary tooth-like notches as set forth in claim 22.

There is nothing in Seibold to disclose or suggest the combination as set forth in claim 23.

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Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claims presently in the application are allowable and a favorable action on the application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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